



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif
Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Donna White
Colleen Shapiro

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Jen Markham

Guests

John Londa

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report – Dr. Reif asked to revise the agenda to include a grant application under new business. There were no objections.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - August 17, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - August 17, 2011 Executive Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - September 7, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - September 7, 2011 Executive Session Minutes – Tabled to next meeting.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – One warrant for signatures: Nature's Classroom and transportation. The back-up documentation will be brought to the next meeting.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes spoke about the MEC situation and FLLAC Collaborative, of which she is Board Chair. FLLAC is solely a collaborative and not a 501c3, as is MEC. FLLAC runs a very lean organization.
 - The superintendent reviewed the overall MCAS results. She reported that THMS did not meet AYP. Lots of information can be found at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website.
 - Enrollment – Superintendent Calmes compared the enrollment numbers from September 26, 2011 to those of October 1, 2010. She broke down the numbers of Lunenburg, choice, and non-resident. We will need to get the numbers of students coming from the new developments. MCAS results will be sent home tomorrow with students.
 - * Student Report – Ms. Markham reported that this year's Homecoming theme is States. Float meetings will be getting underway very soon.
 - * Public Comment – None.

* New Business

Action

- a. Grant Application – The National Dairy Council and National Football League are sponsoring a grant: “Fuel up for 60” to promote healthy nutrition and physical activity. The grant is due October 1. It is a walking program for four months with an Appalachian Trail theme. The amount of the grant is \$3,490. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of the submission of the grant. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: unanimous. Ms. Laserte spoke briefly about the rock wall at the middle school, which is a great tool for physical activity. She also noted that it still needs to be inspected.
- b. Donation
 - Target - \$110.05 for LHS to go into the gift fund. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to accept the donation. Vote: unanimous.
 - Superintendent Calmes read a thank-you letter to Grade 3 from the school in Louisiana that was the recipient of the monetary donation from the Empty Bowls Project.
 - Superintendent Calmes thanked Dr. Reif for the donation of an ice machine to the athletic department at the high school.
- c. Ratification of Custodians’ Contract – Superintendent Calmes touched on the highlights of the changes made to the custodians’ contract, which has been ratified by the custodial union. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the new contract. Mr. Mackin and Dr. Berthiaume expressed their appreciation to the custodians group for working toward a mutually acceptable contract. Vote: unanimous.

* Old Business

Discussion

- a. School Committee FY12 Goals – Tabled to the next meeting.

Action

- a. Capital Plan – Mr. Londa joined the committee at the table. He reviewed the highlights of the capital plan, which is revised from the previous presentation, based on School Committee recommendations. Superintendent Calmes gave details on the technology upgrades in the capital plan. There was discussion on the FY13 capital plan items. Superintendent Calmes asked for the technology upgrades to be priority #3 and the pickup truck to be priority #4 and recommended the plan with that change. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: unanimous.

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee on Reconfiguration – The group met on the 19th and had a good discussion. The group reviewed information from the previous study.
- b. Finance Committee – The Town Manager will be presenting the five-year outlook on October 18.
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO – The PTO meeting was held on the 26th. Superintendent Calmes, Ms. Blaisdell and Ms. Martin were present for the well-attended meeting. There was a lot of energy around fees for the primary and elementary schools, as well as looking forward to working with the MSBA.
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee – Turkey Hill Middle School will be participating in the Guinness Book of World Records attempt for the most individuals doing jumping jacks at one time for one minute.
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee – The group met recently and viewed a presentation by the Nashoba Vocational Technical High School. They will be meeting with Monty Tech soon to hear their thoughts on why Lunenburg shouldn’t pursue joining Nashoba Tech.
- j. Rep. Benson’s Advisory
- l. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

* Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Dr. Berthiaume seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Reif – yes

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

Mr. Mackin – yes

Ms. White – yes

Ms. Shapiro – yes

* Adjournment – Regular Session adjourned at the end of executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 10/19/11

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